

Western Illinois' Greatest April Sale

SALE BEGINS SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 9 a. m.

The greater sales mean greater reductions, which are your saving.

Spring Skirts of Rare Beauty



Are lovelier and more enticing than ever before and the values offered are really the most remarkable. Think of it; there goes on sale more than fifty different skirts, values well worth \$6 to \$7, all are in the April Sale at only

\$4.95

Children's Dresses

15 dozen children's gingham dresses, in the newest colorings of the season in dainty stripes and plaids, the best child dress made to sell at 75c; April sale price ... **59c**

Children's Rompers

18 dozen rompers for the little tots, saves washing and ironing, the best play garment for the child made; regular 50c value, each ... **35c**

Children's Hose

40 DOZEN CHILDREN'S fiber silk hose, double heel, toe and sole, extra fine, 2x2 ribbed, extra fine quality; regular 35c value; April Sale, per pair ... **29c**

The Most Astonishing Reductions On

New Models In Spring Suits

Chic as to cut, and tailored with perfection which gives to the wearer the confidence of being perfectly gowned. Our suits have, above all, that nice touch of individuality which sets definitely the stamp of approval. There are over 25 suits in this sale that were never equaled in the tri-cities at \$20.00. At our great April Sale, your choice ... **\$14.95**

Stylish Wool Dress Goods

Was ever there a better time for a sale than just when you need the goods for that new Easter dress?

54-IN SCOTCH TWEEDS and knickerbocker cloth in gray, blues and mixtures, also 54-inch armori cloth in navy and black, every yard worth at least \$1.25, suitable for spring jackets, suits and skirts; April sale, yard ... **89c**

SILK AND WOOL POPLINS—every piece in the department; those that never sold for less than \$1.25; also the Reid's Lansdowne. The one best bargain of the year at this April sale, yard ... **\$1.00**

ALL-WOOL CHALLIE—40 pieces in light and dark grounds; also 8 pieces wool crepe in light grounds; in all 48 pieces in this lot, values up to 59c yard; April sale, yard ... **35c**

Domestics

1000 yards bleached 36 inch width muslin, regular 10c value; special price in April Sale, yard ... **7½c**

500 yards straw ticking in blue and white, red and white and brown stripes, extra good values at 12½c; April Sale, yard ... **9½c**

25 dozen pillow slips, 42x36—hemmed; free from dressing, extra good muslin, regular 22c value; April Sale, each ... **15c**



Pond's Extract Vanishing Cream

Pond's vanishing cream is free from the objectionable features of oil or grease, and will not promote the growth of down on the face, being almost instantly absorbed by the skin, it can be used freely at any time without injury to gloves or clothing. It is delightfully effective in cases of sunburn or chapped hands or lips, and all roughness and irritation of the skin. Very specially priced for April sale; 25c size 15c; 50c size ... **40c**

Pond's Extract Cold Cream

To refresh the complexion and especially to cleanse the pores from dust and grime of travel, a daily cleanup with Pond's Cold Cream insures a clean complexion; especially priced April Sale: 25c size 15c; 50c size ... **40c**

Pond's compact rouge, especially priced for April sale: 50c size ... **40c**



Beautiful Waists



3 dozen tub silk waists in the season's new stripes, waists which show the art of perfection in harmonious color blending, also plain colors, all absolutely fast colors, our leader at \$2.50 April Sale price ... **\$1.98**

22 dozen dainty waists in voiles, organdies, mulls, Jap silk, etc., very neatly trimmed; made especially for the New York Store to retail at \$1.25; April Sale price each ... **98c**

Muslin Gowns.

15 dozen fine muslin gowns, trimmed with dainty lace and ruffles, extra good values at our regular price 39c; April sale price ... **29c**

Muslin Underskirts.

12 dozen skirts, embroidery and lace trimmed, all lengths, full flounce, regular 89c value; April sale price, each ... **69c**

Bungalow Aprons

25 dozen aprons, made from a good quality of percale, in dark colors, the large roomy kind, made as a leader to retail at 49c; April Sale Price ... **39c**

Utility House Dresses.

18 dozen of the best house dresses you ever saw to sell at \$1.00, in light and dark colors, made from gingham and percale, not over two to a buyer; at our April Sale, each ... **79c**

Beautiful Spring Silks

Very attractively priced at this gigantic bargain feast; silks of every weave are here included:

40-inch Georgette crepe in every shade, regular \$2.00 value, April Sale, yard ... **\$1.50**
40-in. crepe de chine in evening or street dress shades; April sale ... **\$1.25**
36-in. \$1.50 value, navy, blue and all colors, taffeta silk, April Sale, yard ... **\$1.25**
41-in. \$1.25 value silk and wool poplins, all colors, black and white included, April Sale ... **\$1.00**

Beautiful New Gingham.

100 pieces of season's best gingham, a regular 15c value, in dainty stripes, checks and plaids, April Sale, yard ... **12½c**
76 pieces of the season's best 12½c gingham in handsome checks, stripes and plaids, the ideal fabric for school dresses; April Sale, yard ... **10c**
50 pieces American staple apron gingham in all size blue and white checks, regular 9c value; April Sale, yard ... **7½c**

Specials on Women's, Misses', Children's, Shoes

60 pair of new arrivals in women's all white kid, high top, lace boots, very latest style, pair ... **\$3.98**
One lot children's shoes, 8½ to 11, pair ... **\$1.19**
60 pair women's gun metal, patent leather button shoes, values up to \$2.50; at, a pair ... **\$1.68**
One lot misses' shoes, 11½ to 2, pair ... **\$1.49**
120 pairs patent and gun metal in hand turn and welts, values \$3.50 and \$4.00; at, a pair ... **\$2.98**
One lot infants, shoes, 4 to 8, pair ... **49c**

Think of a Stylish Hat for \$3.98

The smartest of the season—rolling and straight brim sailors, drooping brim hats, smart turbans and other dashing shapes, all trimmed with flowers, ribbons and fancies in new spring ways \$3.98.



PIERR & CO., NEW YORK STORE

1517, 1519, 1521, 1523 Fifth Avenue, Moline, Illinois

Obituary

Mrs. Clara Stoy.

Mrs. Clara Stoy died last evening at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. M. Sharp, 719 Fourth street, Rock Island, following a lingering illness with a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Stoy, whose maiden name was Clara Sharp, was born in Clark county, Ill., Sept. 11, 1870. She came to Rock Island when a young woman and had made her home here since. Besides her mother she leaves two brothers, David, Akron, Ohio, and Elmer R., Davenport, and three sisters, Mrs. Ella Bruce, Bellingham, Wash., Mrs. H. T. McKown and Mrs. Louise Koch, both of Rock Island.

Funeral services will be held from the home of her mother, 719 Fourth street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. L. Vance officiating. Burial will be in Chippinnock cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Emma Zahn.

The remains of Mrs. Emma Zahn, former resident of Milan, arrived in Rock Island last night at 10:05 from her home in Fond du Lac, Wis. Funeral services were held at the Knox chapel at 10 o'clock this morning. Rev. James Edgar Wilson of the Broadway Presbyterian church officiating. Burial was in Chippinnock cemetery.

Cyril Bryant.

Cyril Bryant, 78 years of age, died at 10 o'clock this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Higgins, 804 Twentieth street, Rock Island. His death was due to a stroke of paralysis he suffered several weeks ago and hardening of the arteries. Mr. Bryant was born in Montreal, Canada, and had spent practically all of his life in his native city. He came to Rock Island eight months ago to make his home with his daughter.

Besides his wife he leaves six children, Mrs. Frank Higgins, Rock Island; Mrs. John Hogan, Omaha; Frank, Portland, Ore.; Ed. Spencer, Iowa; Albert, Norwood, N. Y., and Walter, Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Martin B. Spencer.

Word has just been received here of the death of Martin B. Spencer, native of Rock Island, at his home in Cornish, Iowa. Funeral services were held there Monday.

Mr. Spencer was born July 11, 1887, in a small cottage where St. Joseph's parochial school now stands, on Fourteenth street. His parents were Thomas and Sarah (Buffum) Spencer, pioneer settlers of Rock Island county. He received his early education in the schools of this city. He was united in marriage to Miss Ann Williams of Edgerton in 1860. She preceded him in death several years. Nine children were born, five of whom survive. In 1861 he enlisted in Company 8, Infantry, and served in the Civil war until 1865. He was a member of the Masonic order and of the G. A. R. Shortly after war Mr. Spencer moved into Iowa and had resided there since.

PERSONAL POINTS

Mrs. Theresa Fries, 640 Eighteenth street, whose illness has caused alarm among her many friends, is much improved today.

The condition of Hon. William Jackson continues to improve following an operation at the Lutheran hospital in Moline.

W. A. Crubaugh and Mrs. Sarah Crubaugh returned yesterday after a winter sojourn in San Antonio, Texas. Miss Ada Newburg left last evening for her brother at Turtle Lake Lodge, Minn.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

TO STUDY ECONOMIC EFFECT OF THE WAR

Tokio.—Japanese economists are interested in the economic effect of the war upon labor conditions in Japan. The investigation made in the representative parts of the empire shows that during the months immediately following the beginning of the war the business depression was so marked that many manufacturers were obliged to discharge laborers whereas later on the condition made a sudden turn for the better and a boom in business largely resulting from the heavy orders for war munitions made a big increase in the demand for laborers.

Generally speaking, the national industries felt a shock at the outbreak of the war in 1914 and during four months, from August to November, of that year, business was in a condition of depression of a kind that had not been experienced for many years. Statistics taken in the important manufacturing center of Osaka show that a decrease of workmen in the four months following the beginning of hostilities was a little over 12 per cent. The decrease was especially marked in those industries making goods for purposes of exportation. The most marked percentage of decrease was observable in brush-making, buttons, towels, soaps, pipes and casting.

In Nagoya, which is the great watch and clock manufacturing center of Japan, the production of time-pieces in October, 1914, showed a decrease of 40 per cent over the month of July, just before the beginning of the war. A similar influence was shown in other industries, especially cloisonne ware, braids, straw hats, embroideries and raw silk. The decrease in cloisonne was 68 per cent and the decrease in straw hats which are very heavily exported by Japan reached 55 per cent. The Japanese make a straw hat of

very fine texture which resembles the Panama hat and which is sent to all parts of the world.

After the first four months the situation suddenly and sharply improved as foreign nations began to feel the need of those necessities which were manufactured in Japan and began to make a call for war supplies, especially woollens, leather, boots, bandages, soap and other incidentals. The boom which set in was so marked that manufacturers began to feel the scarcity of skilled labor.

The Japan Foreign Trade Association which is composed of leading merchants of the empire has collected statistics showing the labor conditions in Osaka at the end of November, 1915, as compared with the period just prior to the war. The industries showing the greatest increase of workmen were those connected with export trade for the manufacture of goods used as war supplies by Japan's allies. In ship-building at Osaka the number of workmen increased from 2,400 to 3,300.

In view of a recent report from Washington that Japanese manufacturers have captured the American cotton-goods trade in China, it is interesting that at Osaka alone the number of men employed in the spinning industry showed an increase of over 4,000. The general prosperity in Japan continues. The boom is especially noticeable in the shipping industry. During one week in Japan 17 vessels changed hands, three of them being chartered by foreign firms. The prices asked were so high a story find no parallel in the history of the trade in the far east.

At the semi-annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Japan which declared a dividend of 12 per cent of the last half year, Viscount Mishima, the governor of the institution, remarked the same favorable

economic effect of the war. Pointing out that the exports last year showed an excess over imports of 175,000,000 yen, he said that this was a result unprecedented in the history of the country's foreign trade. This excess was caused not only by heavy orders of war supplies for the entente allies but also by an increase of exportations to the United States and South America, China, the South Sea Islands and other nonbelligerent countries whose importations from Europe had either been reduced or cut off entirely because of the war.

FRENCH GENERAL IS AN ACTIVE SOLDIER

Paris.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—General Henri Petain, the defender of Verdun, is typical of the modern French soldier. He is just 60. He received his commission as second lieutenant in 1878, and became a captain in 1890, and a colonel in 1900. He was a colonel when the war began and was going to retire. General Petain first distinguished himself during the retreat from Charleroi in the early days of the war. He became brigadier-general and general of division, and rose rapidly to his present position.

He is a curiously modest man and hates being photographed. He is immensely popular with his men whom he treats as though they were his own children. General Petain is very methodical and weighs his food every day, saying that it is as necessary for officers to be in perfect condition as for racehorses. Keeping in condition is his pet mania. He was turned out of a flat once because he insisted on taking half an hour's exercise with a skipping rope after his bath every morning.

The result is that General Petain at 60 is as active as the youngest lieutenants.

tenant in the French army. Quite recently in Champagne he covered four miles at the double at the head of a company, and he prides himself on the ease with which he undergoes the same hardships and the same hard work as any man with him.

The general does not believe much in red tape, always wanting to get the most work done in the quickest way. To an officer who asked him to give him a post on the staff, General Petain said, laughing, "I don't need staff officers. The men I want are fellows who can win three-mile races afoot and ride motorcycles over rough ground." There is a legend in the Verdun that General Petain lived and slept on the carriage of a machine gun during the first 10 days of the German offensive late last February.

MOLINE FIFE AND DRUM TO PLAY HERE THIS EVENING

The Moline Fife and Drum corps, consisting of five old soldiers, will play on the street for an hour preceding John M. Harlan's speech at the Illinois theatre this evening at 8 p. m. Mr. Harlan will talk on "Roosevelt and Safety" and will be introduced by Mayor William McConchie.

In the Bill.

Bacon—Somebody said there was something stunning about your wife's new dress. I don't see it. Egbert—Of course you don't. You don't suppose she'd leave the price mark on it, do you?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

15,000 Special Trains in Year.

London.—Fifteen thousand special trains have been run over the London and Southwestern railroad during the past year in connection with movements of troops. This was independent of the large number of trains for soldiers on leave, many empty trains run in connection with troop movements and 2,500 ambulance trains.

ORDER THREE GIRLS OUT OF ROCK ISLAND

Fines of \$100 and costs were suspended over the heads of three girls, arrested last night on the streets of Rock Island on charges of disorderly conduct by Detective Sehner and Patrolman Kinsley. They gave the names of Mattie Davis, Pearl Stone and Marie Weaver. They promised to leave Rock Island.

Mina Hobart was sentenced to the county jail for 73 days on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was arrested 10 days ago by Captain Kittelsen. Frank Anderson, who recently was released from the county jail serving a sentence on a charge of abusing his wife, was arrested at his home, 1506 Fifth avenue, again last night on the same charge. Information was filed against him in county court today.

E. Reed paid \$1 and Joe Mannick \$3 on charges of disorderly conduct. They are from Davenport.

The Oldest Sequoia.

The oldest sequoia is over 3,150 years of age. A family of five could have picked under this tree when the Greeks were building their wooden horse under the walls of Troy and Pharaoh and his army were being engulfed in the waters of the Red sea. It has been the contemporary of every famous man and event since the foggy dawn of history. While innumerable multitudes of men and women fretted their way through the dreadfully important wink or two of time that they called life this tree contented itself with getting a little thicker in the trunk and wreathing its top in more majestic foliage. Nowadays people who have made their piles, possibly in the lumber business, often motor down to look at it, and their wives gave up among its awful branches and say, "My, how pretty!"—San Francisco Bulletin.